BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 1 OF THE STATE OF OREGON 2 STIPULATION OF FACTS, 3 In the Matter of the AND DENIAL OF Teaching License of 4 **RIGHT TO APPLY** JAMILAH AMEERAH RAHIM 5 On or about August 26, 2009, Jamilah Ameerah Rahim (Rahim) signed and submitted a 6 PA-1 Application for Student Teaching or Practicum to the Teacher Standards and Practices 7 Commission (Commission). Following a routing background check the Commission found that 8 Rahim failed to disclose past criminal convictions. 9 After review of the matters alleged, Rahim and the Commission agree that their 10 respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain 11 facts and a revocation of her right to apply for one year. This stipulation is contingent upon 12 approval and adoption of the Order by the Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this 13 Order, neither Rahim nor the Commission are bound by these stipulations and Rahim retains all 14 rights to a hearing on the allegations. 15 By signing below, Rahim acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the 16 following: (i) she has been fully advised of her rights to notice and a hearing to contest the 17 findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all 18 such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts, and 19 Revocation of Right to Apply (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is 20 a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this 21 Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the 22 Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, 23 then neither Rahim nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully read 24 this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she voluntarily, without any 25 force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry 26 of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she states that no promises or representation has been 27

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made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) she has consulted with an

attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to her

rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this

Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below. This stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Rahim nor the Commission are bound by these Stipulations and Rahim retains all rights to a hearing on the allegations.

5 STIPULATION OF FACTS

- 1. On or about February 8, 2006, Rahim signed and submitted a PA-1 form as part of her application for a student teaching license, upon which she responded "no" to all character questions. As part of the licensing process the Commission conducted a routine background check and found Rahim had a criminal history. On August 16, 2005 Rahim was convicted of Theft in the 1st Degree, Identity Theft (3 counts), Forgery (2 counts) and Possession of Forged Instrument (2 counts). These convictions stemmed from Rahim's involvement in an operation that defrauded retail stores by stealing credit card numbers and phoning in orders to pickup consumer goods that were later returned for cash. Rahim was ordered to pay restitution of \$14,524 and was placed on five years of supervised probation. On October 17, 2005 Rahim was convicted in the state of Virginia for multiple counts of Fraud, Forgery, and Identity Theft stemming from similar criminal activity. Though physically in Virginia and Oregon during the commission of these crimes, Rahim was involved in defrauding stores in Texas, Arizona, Georgia, New Jersey, Illinois, and Arkansas. Rahim should have answered "yes" to the following questions:
 - a. #8. Have you ever been convicted or been granted conditional discharge by any court for: a) any felony,; b) misdemeanor; or c) any major traffic violation, such as: driving under the influence of intoxicants or drugs; reckless driving; fleeing from or attempting to elude a police officer; driving while your license was suspended, revoked or used in violation of any license restrictions; or failure to perform the duties of a river or witness to an accident?
 - b. #9. Have you ever been arrested or cited for any offense listed in questions (8) above which is still pending in court?
 - c. #10. Have you ever entered a plea of guilty or No contest relative to any charge of an offense listed in question 8?
- 2. On August 21, 2009 Rahim submitted a C-1 Form for Educator Licensure, in support of

her application for an Initial I Teaching License. On this form Rahim answered "yes" to the questions which she previously answered "no" to on her PA-1 Form. 3. After submission of her C-1 Form, during conversations with Commission staff Rahim explained that she did not have to disclose her criminal history because it could be expunged. However at the time Rahim submitted her PA-1 Form in 2006 she was aware that she had not completed all of the terms of probation and that her criminal convictions had not been expunged. IT IS SO STIPULATED: Jamilah Ameerah Rahim ictoria Chamberlain, Executive Director Teacher Standards and Practices Commission **CONCLUSION OF LAW** Jamilah Ameerah Rahim failed to disclose her criminal convictions on her application for a student teacher program. Each of Rahim's responses provides independent grounds for denial of her license application under OAR 584-050-0006(2)(a), which provides that a license application may be denied if the applicant submits a falsified application. Each of Rahim's responses also violated OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c), which provides as follows "Knowing falsification of any documents or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties," constitutes gross neglect of duty and is a basis for denial of licensure, as it is incorporated in ORS 342.143, "good moral character." The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175

The Commission hereby denies Jamilah Ameerah Rahim's application for an Initial I

Teaching License and revokes her right to apply for a license for a period of one year.

Effective We also of November, 2010.

IT IS SO ORDERED his Dym day of November, 2010.

Sugned 12-13-10

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By: Manubedian

Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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